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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: July 6, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds from the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area/National Park Service for King Gillette Ranch (Soka site) planning, pursuant to the multi-agency Cooperative Management Agreement and Task Agreement.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of up to \$340,000 in funds from the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area/National Park Service for a planning process for the King Gillette Ranch (Soka site), pursuant to the multi-agency Cooperative Management Agreement and Task Agreement.

Background: The National Park Service has made \$340,000 available to the MRCA for assistance with the multi-agency planning review of the King Gillette Ranch (Soka University site). MRCA, NPS, California Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy will collaborate on the planning of potential future park uses of the property, and begin a public process. The planning process may involve consultant planning and environmental services contracts which the MRCA would administer, and also the services of MRCA staff including administrative costs. The NPS Task Agreement for the Gillette planning process will extend until at least September of 2006, and is further implementation of the longstanding cooperative management MOU between the MRCA, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, NPS, and State Parks.